

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

November 2009

NEWS AND EVENTS

Founding WNC President To Be Remembered

A memorial service is set for Saturday, Nov. 7, at 1 p.m. for Dr. Jack C. Davis, first president of Western Nevada College, then Western Nevada Community College. He died on October 24 at age 83. Dr. Davis helped create the community college system in Nevada and opened the first buildings at the Carson City and Fallon campuses. The memorial is at WNC Carson City. http://www.wnc.edu/about/jack_davis.php

Western Faculty Members Earn National Recognition

Faculty members Kay Sedlak and Dr. Mike Hardie have been recognized by two national organizations. Sedlak, RN, MSN, and certified emergency nurse, is one of eight people to be named this



year to the Academy of Emergency Nursing. She is a 25-year member of the Emergency Nursing Association, and worked in the Emergency Department of St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Reno. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-10-23a.php> Professor Hardie has been elected treasurer of a national mathematics education group, and is the first national officer from Nevada in the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges. The group has about 2,500 individual members

and more than 100 institutional members in the United States and Canada.



NSHE Chancellor To Take Seat on National Education Advisory Board

Nevada Sen. Harry Reid has announced his appointment of Dan Klaich, chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education, to a federal advisory board that advises the Secretary of Education on the accreditation and certification process for institutions of higher education. The board meets biannually with the secretary in Washington. <http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/naciqi.html>



Fallon Campus Hosts Economic Development Authority

On Wednesday, Nov. 4, WNC Fallon will host the Churchill Economic Development Authority "After Hours" social, which brings together business people from the area to discuss important economic trends in Churchill County and the state. Dean Bus Scharmann will use the opportunity to showcase two new programs: the Specialty Crop Institute and the Advanced Truck Driving School. The photo at left shows a "hoop house," a structure that extends the growing season by several weeks.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-10-27b.php>

Nursing Graduates Post Top-Notch Test Scores

WNC's 2009 nursing graduates were nearly perfect in their pass rate on the national licensure examination this fall. The class scored a 96 percent pass rate, with 45 of 47 graduates succeeding on their first try. It was the second highest pass rate in the state, and highest in western Nevada.

Western Sets the Mark in GED Boot Camp

Fresh from her success in seeing 14 of 16 students enrolled in the summer GED Boot Camp pass the exam, Adult Basic Education Director Teri Zutter has begun a new camp this month. WNC had an 88 percent test pass rate, and 16 of the original 27 who enrolled finished the program. Zutter is also starting a 12-hour "mini-math" class for pre-GED students. <http://www.wnc.edu/studentservices/abe/>

WNC Annual Report Merits Regional Award

Western's 2007-2008 Annual Report to the Community has earned a bronze award in a regional college marketing competition by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. NCMPR is the national professional organization for community college marketing and communications. Over the years, WNC has received multiple regional and national awards for its publications and marketing efforts.

College Hosts First H1N1 Vaccine Clinic

There were a few anxious faces as children from Western's Child Development Center lined up to receive their H1N1 flu shots recently. About 50 WNC child-care and nursing staff members and children took advantage of the vaccination program. The next round of vaccinations will take place Tuesday, Nov. 24. This round will be for CDC children to receive their second shot, nursing students and faculty, and other priority groups including students under 25 years of age. As with all H1N1 events, it is dependent on vaccine availability.



<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-09-28c.php>

ARTS

"The King and I" Takes the Stage This Weekend

November 7-8, 13-15, 20-22

Carson City Community Center

Evening Performances: 7:30 pm; Matinees: 2 pm

Tickets: 445-4249

The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company will bring this beloved musical to Carson City for the first time. Winner of multiple Tony and Academy awards, "The King and I" tells the story of a British schoolteacher coming to Siam to educate the children of the King, a ruler entrenched in Eastern customs but intrigued with the West. Their unexpected and unlikely affection for each other overrides the vast cultural differences that separate them. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-10-27a.php>



"Global Film Initiative" Presents Award-Winning Movies

**Fridays, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20 & Dec. 4,
7 p.m. Marlette Hall, Cedar Building, Carson City
Free With WNC student ID, \$3 public**



Scene from "The Photograph"

The college's popular international film series winds up with four more exotic locales, the "Photograph" from Indonesia on Nov. 6; "Those Three," from Iran, on Nov. 13; "Sleepwalking Land," filmed in Mozambique, on Nov. 20; and the Moroccan film, "What a Wonderful World," on Dec. 4. The Friday night film series has seen the community and students turning out in large numbers. Films are provided by the Global Film Initiative, a non-profit organization supporting independent films; many have been screened and won awards at festivals around the globe. The series is supported by Nevada Humanities.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-10-27c.php>

Plan Now To Hear "The Sounds of Winter"

WNC Carson City: Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., Free Admission

Enjoy the annual holiday concert presented by the WNC Concert Choir, in Sarah Winnemucca Hall.

Ash Canyon Poet Bill Cowee Dies

Western lost a good friend in Bill Cowee last month. Cowee was a recipient of the Governor's Arts Award in 2001, and in 2007 he donated more than 1,000 volumes of poetry, the majority featuring Northern Nevada writers, to the college. The collection is housed in the Joe Dini Library at WNC Carson City. English Professor Marilee Swirczek said, "His poetry is very much grounded in the landscape of the Great Basin and the interior landscape of our hearts and souls. His poetry cuts down to the bone and gristle of human emotions."

Former WNC Student Inspires, Loses Long Battle With Cancer



Ever-smiling, upbeat and positive, Alicia Karau, 25, lost a battle with cancer last month. Karau was well known to the WNC performing arts family as the beautiful dancer who was featured in our 2002 Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." WNC's theatre producer/professor Stephanie Arrigotti and the cast helped raise money during the 2004 production of "Carousel" when she lost her leg to cancer and needed funds to buy a prosthetic leg.

With the help of the Nevada Appeal, the people of Carson City donated \$6,000 within two weeks. The following week, after a feature story in the Reno Gazette-Journal, a reader was moved to help and gave her all the funds she needed to buy the leg. Within two weeks, she was trying out dance moves, tearful with gratitude for the chance to move again. In 2005, her cancer returned. Despite poor odds of success, Alicia insisted on taking any new chemo available, no matter how it sickened her, to grasp for any chance to stay alive. She graduated from UNLV with a degree in broadcasting. She became a television producer in Idaho, then at Channel 4 in Reno, working until the very end. What an inspiration!

CAMPUS NEWS & NOTES

Holiday Craft Fair On Campus – Thursday, Nov. 5

Just in time for holiday shopping, WNC's popular Holiday Craft Fair returns to the Bristlecone Building Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be an amazing array of gifts, including, quilts, paintings, jewelry, glasswork, embroidered goods, scarves and other clothing. Sponsored by Classified Council.

Tutor Training Set at ASC – All Welcome

Interested faculty and students are invited to a tutor training session Wednesday, Nov. 4, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Academic Skills Center, Bristlecone Building Rm. 330, WNC Carson City.

Costumes Rule the Day at Pumpkin Parade



Faculty and staff always look forward to the Pumpkin Parade put on by the Child Development Center, with the kids dressed up as princesses, witches, and this year, NASCAR racers and Transformers. It's also the time for employees to dress up and host a bake sale to benefit the Classified Council. At right are Shannon Segale, Nicole Davenport and Ellen Shafer.



Contribution Helps Auto Program

Steve Cornmesser of Fallon has donated a front-end wheel alignment machine to the auto technology program. The machine is a great addition and will benefit our students and ultimately the community when our students enter the work force. <http://www.wnc.edu/academics/discipline/automotive/>



Chet Burton Joins Western as Controller

Welcome to WNC's new controller, Chet Burton, the former director of finance for International Game Technology. Prior to IGT he was the supply officer and controller for the Fallon Naval Air Station and attained the rank of commander. Burton holds a bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and an MBA from the University of Virginia, Darden Business School.

Shannon Segale: Employee of the Month

Shannon Segale of Admissions and Records is being celebrated as Employee of the Month. Shannon is well known for her work ethic and taking time to help students who have questions about classes and scheduling. Shannon also excels in working with athletes to make sure they complete eligibility requirements. Shannon is someone who always accomplishes her daily tasks while managing a growing workload.